

ANNUAL REPORT.

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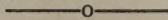
Treasurer, Selectmen, and Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN of CONWAY,

FOR THE

*Fiscal Year ending, March, 1, 1877.*



NORTH CONWAY, N. H.

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1877.



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

MAECH 1876. HIRAM. C. ABBOTT Treasurer.

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF CONWAY DR.

To Cash as per Report March 1, 1876,	2 222 88
" of John Chase Collector for 1875.	3 298 71
" of P. H. Potter " for 1876.	9 474 14
" of James S. Eaton. Bond. No, 172,	400 00
" of S. M. Davis, " " 173,	200 00
" of L. Allard, " " 174,	150 00
" of A. Jackson, " " 175,	400 00
" of E. Allard, " " 176,	100 00
" of S. Farrington, " " 177,	500 00
" of N. S. Davis, " " 178,	1 000 00
" of M. E. Davis, " " 179,	300 00
" of G. P. Stilphin, " " 180,	200 00
" of M. E. Davis, " " 181,	300 00
" of N. Hubbard. " " 182.	1 400 00
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	\$4 950 00
" M. E. Davis, int. on Bond,	3 00
" Murray's Circus,	15 00
" Selectmen. Error in J. F. Dinsmore settlement.	489 00
" do County.	9 00
" State Treasurer. Bounty on 5 Bears,	50 00
" do R. R. Tax,	7 25.
" do Literary Fund,	184 50
" do Sav. Bank Tax.	521 08
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	\$21 224 56



PAYMENTS, PAID ARREARAGES.		CR.
By Paid order Dr. Towle, attendance on A. Bickford's		
	wife in 1874,	5 00
"	" N. G. Palmer, abatement Pole tax,	2 40
"	" A. Littlefield, watering trough Dist. No. 9,	2 50
"	" M. A. Wilson, " " 1,	2 50
"	" D. Littlefield, services Bailey case,	2 00
"	" P. Denmet, stone and labor in Dist. No. 11.	30 45
"	" H. W. Allard, Labor in Dist. No. 10,	3 00
"	" R. R. Allard, damage by Dogs,	3 00
"	" F. Lucy, do do	8 00
"	" G. W. Philbrick, Labor Dist. No. 11,	6 00
"	" P. Chadbourn, watering trough Dist. No. 2,	2 50
"	" E. Wentworth, services as committee,	7 50
"	" C. W. Wilder, Bailey case & auditing report 1875,	7 00
"	" Jas. S. Dearborn, abatement.	96
"	" S. B. Shackford, services as committee,	6 00
"	" G. W. Philbrick, abatement,	48
"	" Orman Merrill, damage by dogs,	14 00
"	" N. R. Mason, scraper and spade,	10 40
"	" C. R. Clifford, labor on new highway,	4 50
"	" J. S. Eaton. watering trough Dist. No. 4 1874,	2 50
"	" do do do 1875,	2 50
"	" Orin Heath, abatement,	2 16
"	" H. Emerson, services as committee,	4 50
"	" C. McIntire, labor on new highway,	8 00
"	" R. Bailey, damage Horse & wagon in 1875,	50 00
"	" D. W. Willey, snowing Eastman bridge,	7 00
"	" W. E. Chase, board Selectmen 1875,	63 36
"	" Jas. A. Carlton, " " 1875,	14 00
"	" W. H. Jacobs, printing reports 1875,	30 00
"	" H. W. Chamberlain, referee Bailey case,	2 00
"	" do damage by dogs,	12 00
"	" E. Richardson, services 1870, 71, 72, 73,	8 00
"	" W. F. Eaton, abatement 1874,	1 68
"	" M. Morse do 1872, 1873, 1874,	7 37
"	" A. Floyd, snowing Eastman bridge 1874,	10 75

" " Geo. Allard, labor in Dist. No. 10 in 1875. 17 48

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\$361 49

PAID TOWN BONDS.

By Paid Bond No. 142,	50 00
" " 144,	100 00
" " 141,	500 00
" " 170,	200 00
" " 4,	200 00
" " 1,	100 00
" " 2,	100 00
" " 5,	300 00
" " 3,	200 00
" " 6,	500 00
" " 153.	800 00

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\$3 050 00

PAID NOTES AND INTEREST.

By Paid Note and interest to P. H. Potter,	168 87
" " do do	320 25
" " do Conway Savings Bank,	2 008 00
" " do M. E. Davis,	309 90
" " do J. D. Stilphin,	71 00
" " do E. G. Noble,	321 50
" " do Abbie M. Burbank,	320 00
" " do M. J. Pendexter,	107 00
" " do G. P. Stilphin,	212 50
" " do F. M. Hatch and Express,	1 006 00

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\$4 845 02

PAID INTEREST ON NOTES.

" Snow & Hatch interest to July 26, 1877,	120 00
" A. Drew interest to Sept. 15, 1876,	60 00
" D. D. Carlton on Note dated Sept. 5, 1874,	220 00

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\$400 00

PAID INTEREST ON BONDS.

By Paid int. due Jan. 1, 1875, on P. & O. R. R. Bonds.	9 00
" do July 1, 1875, do "	27 00

By Paid int. due Jan. 1, 1876, on P. & O. R. R. Bonds,	210 00
" do July 1, 1876, do "	609 00
" do Jan. 1, 1877, do "	558 00
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	\$1 413 00

By Paid interest on Town Bonds,	\$384 00
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## PAID STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State Treasurer, State Tax,	\$1 496 00
Paid County Treasurer, County Tax,	\$2 147 57

## PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

By Paid S. G. Norcross, Supt. School Committee,	75 00
" Andrew Dinsmore, Selectman,	172 00
" D. E. Thompson, Selectman,	144 00
" W. F. Thompson, Selectman,	127 00
" H. C. Abbott, Treasurer,	50 00
" Joel Eastman, Town Agent,	48 20
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	\$616 20

## PAID SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

By Paid School District No. 1	94 00
" " 2	68 00
" " 3	74 88
" " 4	99 00
" " 5	73 00
" " 6	99 69
" " 7	67 00
" " 8	198 00
" " 9	41 50
" " 10	86 56
" " 11	57 00
" " 12	79 63
" " 13	198 35
" " 14	104 00
" " 15	133 77
" " 16	75 01
" " 17	59 05
" " 18	74 05



By Paid School Dis. No. 19.

126 90

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 \$1 809 48

## PAID HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

By Paid G. P. Stilphin, making road,	262 45
" R. S. Lowd, work in Dist. No. 13,	5 86
" S. C. Hatch, new road Dist. No. 18,	50 00
" D. Carby, snowing bridges,	20 00
" P. H. Potter, work in Dist. No. 3,	21 00
" H. W. Chamberlain, work in Dist. No. 9,	32 00
" Cotton & Boothby, lumber Eastman Bridge,	18 36
" A. P. Morton, work in Dist. No. 13,	12 00
" Sidney Bickford, do do 13,	6 00
" Geo. A. Heath, do do 13,	6 00
" Henry Durgin, do do 13,	13 00
" E. Cory, Iron,	2 62
" Levi Seavey, new road Dist. No. 15,	65 00
" M. Lewis, blasting rock,	5 00
" Richard C. Davis, work Saco River Bridge,	16 00
" Amos S. Thompson, work Dist. No. 8,	2 00
" Farrington Morton & Co. Railing bridge,	2 28
" L. S. Nute, work Dist. No. 14,	6 96
" H. W. Berry, work on new bridge,	7 00
" John Bachelder, snowing Eastman bridge,	8 00
" Daniel Mason, damage Plow Dist. No. 17,	3 00
" J. H. & H. W. Berry, work on new Bridge,	539 50
" F. Lucy, railing Lovejoy's Bridge,	2 00

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 \$1 106 03

## COUNTY ROAD.

By Paid D. E. Thompson, work,	13 00
" Geo. Chase, work,	9 00
" Nathl. Drew, work,	10 50
" Henry Allard, work,	22 50
" John W. Drew, work,	9 75
" W. S. Harriman, work,	6 00
" H. D. Durgin, work,	27 00
" Walter McFarland, work,	9 00

" R. S. Lowd, work,	1 50
" Drills &c,	1 00
" J. C. L. Wood, Powder,	3 83

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TOWN AND COUNTY POOR.

By Paid J. C. L. Wood, Support W. Hammond,	8 17
" F. H. Mason, do Transient,	13 00
" Joseph Nute, Support Mrs. Vincent,	25 00
" M. Hill, do C. Johnson,	20 00
" Andrew Dinsmore, Support W. Hammond,	4 35
" Robertson & Palmer, do do	6 00
" J. C. L. Wood, do do	13 00

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\$89 52

PAID TOWN EXPENSES AND SUNDRY BILLS.

By Paid Order, W. E. Chase, board Selectmen,	44 34
" " R. Head, abatement,	58
" " D. E. Thompson, Selectman Expenses,	13 33
" " A. Floyd, " bill,	2 00
" " J. O. Allard, abatement,	1 20
" " J. H Perkins, Constable,	2 00
" " E. Richardson, do and Policeman,	6 00
" " Charles Robertson, State vs Town,	7 00
" " J. A. Cloutman, work,	2 10
" " W. Philbrick, wood Town House,	3 00
" " Wilson and Heath, bounty on 5 Bears,	50 00
" " Jane Lydia Willey, Land Damage,	87 00
" " P. Chadbourn, abatement,	2 10
" " E. C. Eastman, Books and Stationery,	12 42
" " Stationery, Express, Postage, &c.	6 00
" " Jas. M. Allard, Watering trough,	2 50
" " do Constable at town meeting,	2 00
" " Wm. Lovejoy, called as Juror,	4 00
" " do damage by Dogs,	2 00
" " J. C. Ela, constable July 4,	2 00
" " P. & O. R. R. Freight,	6 10
" " J. F. Winslow, for Pipe,	40 00
" " W. J. Copeland, professional Services,	250 00



"	"	County Commissioners, do	56 00
"	"	M. A. Wilson, watering trough,	2 50
"	"	Henry Allard, do	2 50
"	"	John Cranmore, land damage,	10 00
"	"	J. W. Heath, watering trough,	2 50
"	"	J. M. Twombly, table, repair town house,	12 00
"	"	F. W. Morton, on Line,	3 00
"	"	J. S. Eaton, watering trough,	2 50
"	"	L. C. Quint, Constable,	2 00
"	"	C. W. Wilder, Services,	7 00
"	"	F. H. Mason, board Selectmen,	8 00
"	"	H. A. Wakefield, land damage,	40 00
"	"	J. W. Peary,	30 00
"	"	J. W. Heath, watering trough,	2 50
"	"	G. Floyd, do do	2 50
"	"	Andrew Dinsmore, Selectmen expenses,	7 81

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\$738 48

*SUMMARY, March, 1st. 1877.*

## RECEIPTS.

Whole amount of receipts.	\$21 224 56
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## PAYMENTS.

Paid. Arrearages.	361 49
Town Bonds.	3 050 00
Notes and Interest.	4 845 02
Interest on Notes.	400 00
Interest on Bonds, P. & O. R. R.	1 413 00
"      "      Town.	384 00
State Treasurer State Tax,	1 496 00
County      " County      "	2 147 57
Town Officers.	616 20
School Districts.	1 809 48
Highways and Bridges.	1 106 03
County Road.	113 08
Support of County and Town Poor.	89 52
Town Expenses and Sundry Bills.	738 48
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	\$18 569 87
Cash in Treasurer's hands.	\$2 654 69
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\$21 224 56

Hiram C. Abbott, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer as above, and find them correctly entered and footed and proper vouchers filed for all items on his book.

CONWAY, MARCH, 1, 1877.

C. W. Wilder, Auditor.

# *SELECTMEN'S REPORT.*

Amount of Resident Tax.	13 272 18	
" Non-Resident Tax,	33 57	
" Dog Tax,	137 00	
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		\$13 442 75
Amt. Tax in Dist. No. 13 payable to the Treasurer.		83 05
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Total amount committed to P. H. Potter for Coll.		\$13 525 80
Rate of money Tax 2 10,	per \$100.	
" Highway " 80,	" \$100.	



## ACCOUNT WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

District No. 1, Proportion of money,	95 46	
Due from last acct.	05	95 51
Paid the District,		94 00
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Balance due,		1 51
" No. 2, Proportion of money,	84 43	
Overdrawn in 1874,	15 59	68 84
Paid the Dist.		68 09
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Balance due,		75
" No. 3, Proportion of money,	65 44	
Overdrawn on last acct.	02	65 42
Paid the Dist.		74 88
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Cash from Dist. in Eaton,		9 44
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Overdrawn,		02
Dist. 4, Proportion of money,	101 78	
Paid the Dist.	99 00	
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Balance due,	2 78	
Dist. 5, Proportion of money,	78 08	
Due on last acct.	17 15	95 23
Paid the Dist.		73 00
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Balance due,		22 23
Dist. 6, Proportion of money,	87 56	
Balance due on last acct.	12 13	99 69
Paid the Dist.		99 69

Dist 7, Proportion of money,	78 08	
Due on last acct.	19 97	98 05
Paid the Dist.		67 00
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Balance due,		31 05
Dist. No. 8, Proportion of money,	201 32	
Due on last acct.	7 83	209 15
Paid the Dist.		198 00
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Balance due.		11 15
Dist. No. 9, Proportion of money,	70 18	
Paid the Dist.	41 50	
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Balance due,	28 68	
Dist. No. 10, Proportion of money,	82 78	
Due on last acct.	3 81	86 59
Paid the Dist.		86 59
Dist. No. 11, Proportion of money,	55 96	
Due on last acct,	1 79	57 75
Paid the Dist.		57 00
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Balance due,		75
Dist. No. 12, Proportion of money,	71 76	
Due on last acct.	7 65	79 41
Paid the Dist.		79 63
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Overdrawn,		22
Dist. No. 13, Proportion of money,	160 24	
Due on last acct,	77	
Dist. tax less 5 per cent,	76 00	237 01
Paid the Dist.		198 35
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Balance due,		38 66

Dist. No. 14, Proportion of money,		133 38
Paid the Dist.		104 00
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Balance due,		29 38
Dist. No. 15, Proportion of money,	106 52	
Due on last acct.	14 57	
Dist. Tax 1875,	21 00	142 09
Paid the Dist.		133 77
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Balance due,		8 32
Dist. No. 16, Proportion of money,	78 08	
Due on last acct.	1 55	79 63
Paid the Dist.		75 01
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Balance due,		4 62
Dist. No. 17, Proportion of money,	65 44	
Overdrawn on last acct.	47	64 97
Paid the Dist.		59 05
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Balance due,		5 92
Dist. No. 18, Proportion of money,	79 66	
Overdrawn on last acct.	2 75	76 91
Paid the Dist.		74 05
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Balance due,		2 86
Dist. No. 19, Proportion of money,	68 60	
Due on last acct.	60 37	128 97
Paid the Dist.		126 90
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Balance due,		2 07



## SCHOOL MONEY.

Assessments for Schools,	1 309 00	
Literary Fund,	203 39	
Balance of Dog Tax,	241 00	
Due the districts,	147 82	\$1 901 21
Paid the districts,		1 809 48
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Due the districts on last division of money,		91 73
Due on district taxes,		98 76
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Total due the districts,		\$190 49

## FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Liabilities.	Note to Albert Drew,	1 000 00	
	"    D. D. Carlton,	930 00	
	"    Oliver Chase,	3 118 50	
	"    Frank Carlton,	100 00	
	"    Geo. Wakefield,	500 00	
	"    "                "	100 00	
	"    F. O. Snow.	1 455 00	
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			\$7 203 50

## TOWN BONDS.

Bonds due. March 15th. 1877,	400 00	
"    May 1st. 1877,	850 00	
"    "    " 1878,	400 00	
"    "    " 1879,	200 00	
"    June 1st. 1880,	2 300 00	
"    May 1st. 1881,	3 150 00	
"    January 1st. 1882,	1 400 00	
"    November 1st. 1884,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$8 800 00
P. & O. R. R. Bonds,		\$21 690 00

## INTEREST DUE.

Uncalled for on P. & O. R. R.	129 00	
Accrued do do	216 00	
On Town Notes Estimated.	670 00	
On Town Bonds do	295 00	\$1 310 00
Due the School Districts		190 49
Outstanding Orders Estimated,		128 50
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Total of Liabilities.		\$39 232 49

Due from H. H. Dow, Coll. for 1872,	163 40	
One year's Interest,	16 34	179 74
Due from David Wakefield, Coll. 1874,	173 40	
Interest unknown.		173 40
Due from John Chase, Coll. 1875,	232 80	
Interest unknown.		232 80
Due from P. H. Potter, Coll. 1876,		3 807 51
"    County of Carroll,		105 52
"    H. C. Abbott Treasurer,		2 654 69
In hands of Selectmen,		9 44
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## Available Assets.

		\$7 163 10
Due from Sales Land for taxes 1871,	60 15	
"    "    " 1873-		
David Wakefield, Collector,	189 60	

Due from Sales Land for taxes 1874-

David Wakefield, Collector, 574 27

Due from Sales Land 1875-

John Chase, Collector, 862 91

\$1 686 93

Total of Assets,

\$8 850 03

*SUMMARY.*  
LIABILITIES.

Notes. 7 203 50

Town Bonds. 8 800 00

P. & O. R. R. Bonds. 21 600 00

Interest on Notes and Bonds. 1 310 00

School Districts. 190 49

Outstanding Orders. 128 50

\$39 232 49

Assets.

8 850 03

Liabilities above Assets.

\$30 382 46

Liabilities over assets as per last report.

33 977 60

" " " this "

30 382 46

Reduction of Town debt.

\$3 595 14

Respectfully submitted by,

Andrew Dinsmore, } *Selectmen*  
David E. Thompson, } *of*  
Wm. F. Thompson. } *Conway.*



I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correctly entered in their books and vouchers filed for all items of accounts.

C. W. Wilder, Auditor.

## REPORT OF

### *Superintending School Committee.*

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

First term of 6 and four fifths weeks was taught by Ellen M. Peary, but closed unexpectedly by sickness of teacher.

Miss Peary has many excellent qualities as a teacher, and some of the classes in this School made excellent progress, but the term as a whole was injured by lack of thorough discipline.

Whole No. of Scholars, 31; average 25; wages of Teacher \$5. per week. Board given.

Second term of 11 weeks taught by Fred W. Powers. This term seemed to be very successful and was, as far as the teaching was concerned, but grew rather small towards the close.

Whole No. 27; average 21; wages \$5. Board given.

#### DISTRICT. NO. 2.

One term of 11 weeks taught by Laura A. Rounds. I was well satisfied with the appearance of this School at each visit.

Good progress was made in nearly every class. Whole No. 15; average 13; wages including board \$5 74.

#### DISTRICT. NO. 3.

One term of 13 weeks taught by Nellie S. Buswell. An excellent School, progress very fine. Partial burning of the School-house caused some interruption, but the school was immediately started in a private house. It could not be as successful as is taught in a suitable building.

Whole No. 17; average 14; wages including board \$5 66.

#### DISTRICT. NO. 4.

First term of 8 weeks taught by Ida W. Baker. School very satisfactory especially methods of teaching and governing. Noted several classes as having done good work. Whole No. 31; average 28; wages including board \$6

Second term of ten and one fifth weeks taught by Mr. R. N. Moulton, a very well qualified teacher, and good progress was noted in several classes especially in Reading and Spelling. Some lack in discipline. Perhaps the dilapidated condition of the School-house had something to do with this, as well as outside influences. Whole No. 37; average 27; wages \$5. Board given.

#### DISTRICT. NO. 5.

Two terms of School, both taught by Annie E. Seavey. One of 5, the other of 12 weeks. First term was interrupted by sickness of both Teacher and Scholars. Second term seemed to be profitable. Noted improvement in Reading, Arithmetic and Spelling. Whole No. 22; average 15; wages \$3 50. Board given.

#### DISTRICT. NO 6.

Two terms of School: one of 8, the other of 9 weeks taught by Mary A. Lancaster. This school was on the whole the best in town for two consecutive terms. Special improvement noted in Reading, Grammer, Arithmetic and Geography. Whole No. 21; average 17; wages including board \$6 50.

#### DISTRICT. NO. 7.

First term of 5 weeks taught by Nellie S. Gurney. Noted some improvement on the part of a few scholars. Attendance small and very irregular. Whole No. 11; average 6 wages \$3 50. Board given. Second term of 13 weeks taught by Abbie E. Cate. A very satisfactory school. Reading, Spelling, and Geography specially noted. Whole No. 13; average 9; wages \$4. Board given.

#### DISTRICT. NO. 8.

First term of 6 weeks taught by Lotta P. Binford. School very much crowded averaging more scholars than seats. Noted Spelling, Grammer, and Geography, a very good school.



Whole No. 47; average 39; wages including board \$6 50.  
Second term of 10 weeks taught by Addie W. Dow. A very successful term, nearly every class doing well. School still crowded. Whole No. 51; average 39; wages including board \$7.  
Third term of 8 weeks taught by George W. Blaisdell, a member of Dartmouth College, and a very excellent teacher. This term was arranged specially for older scholars, but very few of them attended. Noted Book-keeping, Reading, Grammar as showing marked improvement. Whole No. 20; average 13; wages including board \$10.

#### DISTRICT. NO. 9.

One term of 9 weeks taught by Ella S. Dearborn. Interrupted by burning of School-house, term continued in a private house with a very small attendance, otherwise school appeared well. Attendance for more than ten days only 3 scholars. Wages including board \$4.

#### DISTRICT. NO. 10.

Two terms 1, of 5; the other of 10 and 2 fifths weeks taught by Lydia R. Robertson. This school seemed to be in every way very successful, except in the fact that some children in the district did not attend sufficiently long to be counted as Scholars. Very good progress made in all the classes. Whole No. 14; average 11, wages including board \$5 50.

#### DISTRICT. NO. 11.

One term of 13 weeks taught by Emma A. Peary. A very good school attended by 4 Scholars from No. 9. and 4 from Brownfield. Reading, Spelling and Arithmetic very well taught. Whole No. 13; average 9; wages including board \$4 25.

#### DISTRICT. NO. 12.

First term of 6 weeks taught by Mattie A. Plummer. Very few Scholars attending at first, but several came in the last two weeks. School appeared very well. Whole No. 10; average 6; wages including board \$5.  
Second term of 6 weeks by same teacher. This term begun very well, but closed for lack of Scholars. Whole No. 11; average 8;

wages including board \$4 50.

Third term of 3 weeks taught by Granville Smart. A very good school but short. Whole No. 12; average 10; wages \$5. board given. This District has been engaged in what appears to an outsider to be a very absurd quarrell.

#### DISTRICT. NO. 13.

First term of 6 weeks taught by Susie S. Evans. Various causes combined to prevent this term from being as successful as could have been desired. Whole No. 31; average 23.

Second term of 14 weeks taught by Lettie A. Hatch. An excellent school. I noted improvment in Reading, Arithmetic, Algebra, and several other classes. Attendance small towards the close. Whole No. 41; average 30; wages including board \$8.

#### DISTRICT. NO. 14.

Two terms one of 11 the other of 13 weeks, both taught by Annie E. Eastman. Noted good progress in Arithmetic, Reading and Spelling. In most respects a very good school. Whole No. 25; average 18; wages \$4. Board given.

#### DISTRICT. NO. 15.

Two terms of ten weeks each both taught by Miss L. G. Wentworth. This school accomplished a great deal, not only in the ordinary branches of study but in little extras and in deportment. School somewhat interrupted by sickness. Whole No. 22; average 16; wages \$4. Board given.

#### DISTRICT. NO. 16.

One term of 9 and two fifth weeks taught by Geo. F. Nason. Nearly the same pupils attended as had been attending a previous term in District No. 18, taught by the same teacher. Except for the falling off in scholars towards the last this might have ranked first in town. Whole No. 24; average 16; wages including board \$7 79.

#### DISTRICT. NO. 17.

One term of 8 weeks taught by Susan A. Weeks. A very small, but very good school. Whole No. 7; average 6; wages



including board \$6 50

#### DISTRICT. NO. 18.

One term of 9 weeks, taught by Geo. F. Nason. Noticed improvement in Grammar, Geography. Arithmetic and several other classes. As good a school as one often finds in a country district. Whole No. 22; average 18; wages including board, \$7 75.

#### DISTRICT. NO. 19.

Two terms of 12 weeks each, both taught by Olive C. Eaton. Marked progress in nearly every class. This school like those in Nos. 6, 14, 15, 16 and 18, illustrates the advantage of having one good teacher for two or more terms. This school stood second in list in improvement. Whole No 13; average 11; wages including board \$5.

With some exceptions the schools of the town have made good progress during the year. It is to be noticed as one of the benefits of printing the School Report that new interest is exhibited in the direction of education over the whole town. It is sometime asked, why with our improved School Books, and better methods of teaching, the common district school is on the average no better, if as good, as it was 50 years ago. Here is the one great cause, a lack of interest in the community especially in rural districts.

The other important reason is the leaving school by a large part of our youths, or at least an attendance which is but occasional, and as valueless to those; as it is injurious to our schools, after arriving at the age of 14 or 15. Ought this town to send out into the world young men who can scarcely read, and who cannot write well enough to do ordinary business, or even keep their own accounts? Let this interest in education increase until this is impossible; until every district have a good School-house and a good School at least 5 months in a year. That the funds annually appropriated to schools be used to the best advantage these things are greatly needed. First, district consolidation.

Something has been accomplished in this direction during the past year. District No. 11 and 9 have united, also 18 and 16. More ought to be done in the work thus begun. Second, better School-houses. One of our frail apologies for something bearing that name has been burned by accident during the past year in

District No. 9. Another partially in No. 3. It is not worth while to burn any more. Third, better and more permanent teachers. To do good work more than a six weeks term is necessary. Though six weeks is long enough to employ some teachers. Shall not another year see greater progress than the one just passed,?

S. Girard Norcross.

Superintending School Committee.

[ERRATA.] In the School Committee's Report for Dist. No. 8. It should read Lottie instead of Lotta. And George W. Blaisdell a member of the Junior class of Dartmouth College.